Setting up of Sugar Mills in Khagadia

99. SHRI RAM SHARMAN YADAV: Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state:

(a) the number of applications received for setting up new sugar mills in Khagadia (Bihar); and

(b) the action taken by the Government thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD (SHRI. TARUN GOGOI): (a) and (b) So far, no application has been received in the Ministry of Food through the Department of Industrial Development for grant of a Letter of Intent/ Industrial Licence for the establishment of a new sugar factory at Khagadia (Bihar).

Profit/loss Account of Super Bazar, Delhi.

100. SHRI. RAM SHARAN YADAV: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the amount of profit earned or loss Incurred by the Super Bazar in Delhi in 1989-90;

(b) how does it compare with the corresponding figures for 1988-89; and

(c) the steps proposed to be taken by the Government to improve the working of the Super Bazar?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL SUPPLIES AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI. KAMALUDDIN AHMED): (a) The Store has earned profit during 1989-90 to the tune of Rs.53.38 lakhs as per profit & loss account and as per appropriation account after making provision of Rs.13.35 lakhs to general reserve and Rs.6.36 lakhs for dividend to members the store has earned net profit of Rs.33.67 lakhs.

(b) The Store earned profit of Rs. 93.97 lakhs for the period from July 1987 to March 1989 (21 months due to amendment in the Income Tax Act). According to profit and loss account, the Store transferred Rs.23.49 lakhs to General Reserve Fund, Rs.11.81 lakhs to dividend payable to shareholders and earned Rs.58.67 lakhs as net profit.

The profit for the period 1987-89 can not be directly compared with the profit of 1989-90 as in the previous year profit relates to 21 months while for 1989-90 it pertains to only 12 months which was due to change in accounting year in line with amendment in the Income Tax Act.

The gross profit to sales was 6.07% during 1987-89, while it was 7.28% during 1989-90. The trading expenses which were 1.94% during 1986-87 was brought down to 1.37% in 1987-89 and there was further reduction in trading expenses to the tune of 1.02% during 1989-90.

(c) The working of the Super Bazar is reviewed from time to time by the Ministry. Super Bazar has been advised to improved sales turnover, enforce strict financial control, reduce the expenditure and to carryout periodical review of all areas of the working of the Store.

Industrial Accidents in U.P. and Bihar

101. SHRI RAM SHARAN YADAV: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to State:

(a) the number of industrial accidents in Uttar Pradesh and Bihar during the last two years;

(b) whether the Government have issued instructions to various industrial establishments in these States to adopte adequate safety measures to prevent the recurrence of such industrial accidents; and

(e) if so, the number of industrial establishments which adopted these safety measures and what has been the outcome thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI PABAN SINGH GHATOWAR): (a) The number of industrial injuries in U.P. during the last two years is given below:

Year	*No. of Industrial injuries*	
	Fatal	*Non-fatal*
1989	77	6943
1990	83	5298

The information regarding the number of industrial injuries in Bihar is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

(b) and (c). Provisions for regulating safety, aspects in factories, are contained in the Factories Act, 1948 as amended from time to time and the Rules framed thereunder. Under the Act, the Occupier of a factory is responsible for ensuring, so far as is reasonably practicable, the health, safety and welfare of all worker while they are at work in the factory.
[*English*]

Labour Lay off in Nimco Mines

102. SHRI SUDHIR SAWANT: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to State:

(a) whether the Government have granted permission to New India Mining Company NIMCO in Goa to lay off labour; and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI PABAN SINGH GHATOWAR) (a) and (b). No permission has been granted by Government to New India Mining Company NIMCO in Goa to lay off their workmen. M/s. New India Mining Corporation Pvt. Ltd. requested for permission to lay off 227 workmen at Redi mines (Maharashtra) under sub-section 9 of Section 25-M of the Industrial Disputes Act on the following grounds:

1. Prohibition of dumping of overburden in the sea.
2. Non-availability of transshipper.
3. Non-availability of export order.
4. Financial loss.

The matter was considered and Government granted permission, subject to review thereof, on 14.8.1991 to lay off 227 workmen for three months. It is reported that the lay off commenced on 4.10.1991. The management submitted another application to continue the lay off. Pending final decision on the request of the management after hearing of the management and the union(s), the management has been permitted to lay off their workmen for a period of three week w.e.f. 16.11.91.